

SENATE BILL No. 168

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 27-7-3.

Synopsis: Title searches. Requires a title insurance company to perform a title search when issuing a title insurance policy.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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January 7, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-7-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter and
3 unless a different meaning appears from the context:

4 (a) The term "title insurance" means a contract of insurance against
5 loss or damage on account of encumbrances upon or defects in the title
6 to real estate.

7 (b) The term "company" shall mean and include any corporation,
8 domestic or foreign, to which this chapter is applicable.

9 (c) The term "department" shall mean the department of insurance
10 of the state of Indiana.

11 (d) The term "commissioner" shall mean the insurance
12 commissioner.

13 (e) The term "public record" has the meaning set forth in
14 IC 5-14-3-2.

15 (f) The term "title search" means a search and examination of
16 the public records sufficient to determine:

17 (1) ownership of;



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1 **(2) encumbrances on;**
2 **(3) liens on; and**
3 **(4) defects in the title to;**
4 **the real estate that is the subject of the search.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 27-7-3-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
7 1, 2002]: **Sec. 21. A company described in section 3 of this chapter**
8 **that issues a title insurance policy shall perform a title search for**
9 **the real estate in conjunction with the issuance of the policy.**

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